

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/656,829

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on August 24, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-7, and 9-13 renumbered as (1-11).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Remark

- This Office Action is in response to applicant's amendment filed on August 24, 2006, which has been entered into the file.
- By this amendment, the applicant has amended claims 1, 5, 10 and 12.
- Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 9-13 remain pending in this application.

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: of the prior art references considered none has disclosed a polarizing eyeglass device adaptable for use with a **first type** (or **second type**) and **third type** (or **fourth type**) of stereoscopic image display apparatus, including an image display screen having *first and second areas* for displaying pieces of image information corresponding to a parallax, a *polarizing plate* and a *phase difference plate* adhered to a front surface of the polarization plate corresponding to *first area* of the image display panel, with the explicitly stated detail arrangements set forth in the claims, and **the polarizing eyeglass device**, that is comprised of a *polarized light separation means*, *first polarization direction changing means* adhere to a *first face* of the polarized light separation means in a *first viewing region* and a *second polarization direction changing means* adhered to a *second face opposite to the first face* of the polarization separation means in the *second viewing region*, wherein the polarizing eyeglass device has a **first** and **second** arrangements, with the details explicitly set forth in the claims, such that by *reversing* the eyeglass device *between first and second* arrangements and by *switching* the image display apparatus between the **first** and **third** type display apparatus the stereoscopic image viewing can be preserved. The essential difference between the first and third type of stereoscopic image display apparatus is that the polarization plate for the two apparatus are of orthogonal polarization state with each other. Similarly, a polarizing eyeglass device adaptable for use with a **second type** and **fourth type** of stereoscopic image display apparatus, also including an image display screen

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having *first and second areas* for displaying pieces of image information corresponding to a parallax, a *polarizing plate* and a *phase difference plate* adhered to a front surface of the polarization plate corresponding to *first area* of the image display panel, with the explicitly stated detail arrangements set forth in the claims, and the polarizing eyeglass device having a **third** and **fourth** arrangements with the details also set forth in the claims such that by *reversing* the eyeglass device *between third* and *fourth* arrangements and by *switching* the image display apparatus between the **second** and **fourth** type display apparatus the stereoscopic image viewing can be preserved.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

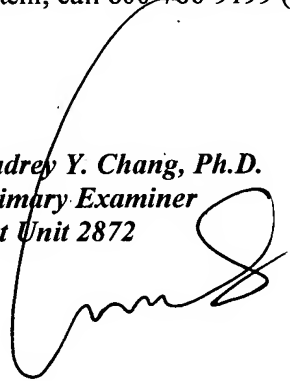
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Audrey Y. Chang whose telephone number is 571-272-2309. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-4:30), alternative Mondays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Dunn can be reached on 571-272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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